IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) An electric apparatus comprising:

- sensor means (18) for detecting objects (34, 36) in the proximity of the apparatus (10), and

- a directional pointing unit (20) which can be directed onto objects (34, 36) in the proximity of the apparatus (10).

2. (original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising:

- at least one memory (M) for storing the position (α, β) of objects (34, 36).

3. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein

- the pointing unit comprises a mechanical pointing element which is mechanically movable in such a way that it can be directed onto objects in the proximity of the apparatus.

4. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein

- the pointing unit (20) comprises a light source for generating a concentrated light beam (40), and

- means for directing the light beam (40) onto objects (34, 36) in the proximity of the apparatus (10).

5. (original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein

- the light source is mechanically movable.

6. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein

- means for directing the light beam (40) comprise one or more mechanically movable mirrors.

7. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, comprising

- a personification element (14) having a front side (16),

- motion means for mechanically moving the personification element (14),

- means for determining the position of a user, and

- control means which are constituted in such a way that they control the motion means in such a way that the front side (16) of the personification element (14) is directed towards the user's position.

8. (original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein

- the pointing unit (20) is arranged on the personification element (14).

9. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, comprising

- means for speech recognition and speech output.

10. (original) A method of communication between an apparatus (10) and a user, wherein

- the apparatus (10) detects objects (34, 36) in its proximity by way of sensor means (18), and

- stores the position of objects (34, 36) in a memory (M), and aligns a directional pointing unit (10) with one of the objects (36).